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Quarterly Current Catalog Expanded

Beginning with the January-March 1977 issue, the *NLM Current Catalog* quarterlies will contain separate sections of items cataloged for the AVLINE data base during the quarter. AVLINE (*News*, February 1976) is the Library's data base containing references to audiovisual instructional materials in the health sciences. The AVLINE sections will consist of three parts:

- Name Section—full entry, including abstract, review data, and procurement information.
- Subject Section—basic bibliographic citations and procurement information.
- Procurement Section—full addresses and telephone numbers of distributors.

The quarterly *NLM Current Catalog* is sold by the Superintendent of Documents. Price for annual subscription: $23.50 ($29.50 foreign); single copies: $6.00 ($7.50 foreign).

Plans for a possible annual AVLINE catalog will be announced in a future issue of the *News*.

Acquisitions in the History of Medicine

The Library's History of Medicine Division has recently enriched its collection with a number of important works.

The outstanding 18th century Swedish physician Nils Rosén von Rosenstein is best known for his work on pediatrics, which was published in fifty issues of the official Swedish almanac from 1753 to 1771 for widespread distribution and public education. The articles were first collected in 1764; a later compilation included the entire series. It was a very popular work, published in not less than 25 editions, including translations into seven other languages. The Library, which acquired the 1764 edition in 1969, has now added a collection, perhaps unique, of all the separate issues of the almanacs that together comprise the first edition of this pediatric classic.

Emilio Parisano's *Nobilium exercitationum libri duodecim, de subtilitate* (4 v. in 2, Venice, 1623-43) is significant primarily because it contains, on pages 387-521 of volume 2, the almost complete text of Harvey's *De motu cordis*, with Parisano's commentary. This represents the second printing of Harvey's great work, and the second early edition added to the Library's collection in recent years. It is also a scarce edition, with only two copies recorded in the National Union Catalog.

Another significant addition was the *Naturbuch* of Konrad von Megenberg, printed in Frankfurt in 1536. Described by Sarton as "the first great scientific writer in German," Konrad, who lived in the 14th century, based this popular work on Thomas of Cantimpré's *De natura rerum*. It includes information on the anatomy and

With this issue. . . .

Included with this issue are two supplements—a staff directory (with list of Regional Medical Libraries) and a publications guide. The publications supplement contains, for the first time, an index listing most NLM publications, including those recently out of print. Regular features include guidelines for ordering NLM publications from the Government Printing Office and the National Technical Information Service, a list of reprinted publications, and information for claiming publications ordered from the Government Printing Office.

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physiology of man and the medicinal virtues of herbs and other natural products. Although printed several times in the 15th and 16th centuries, this is the first early edition to be added to the NLM collection.

The Division has also acquired an especially rare 51-page pamphlet by the English surgeon Dale Ingram (1710-1793): *An Essay, on the nature, cause, and seat of dysentery's*, printed in Barbados in 1744. This appears to be the only known copy.

A major addition to the manuscript collection occurred with the arrival of the papers of Dr. Albert Baird Hastings, former Hamilton Kuhn Professor of Biological Chemistry at Harvard. The collection is rich in correspondence among the important figures in biochemistry during much of this century.

NLM Documents Policy Under Review

The National Library of Medicine is reviewing its coverage of government documents and its services relating to them. An informal meeting will be held at the Medical Library Association's annual meeting in Seattle, Washington, for persons interested in this area to determine what the problems and needs of health science libraries are and what can be done to resolve them. If interest is great enough, a documents group within MLA could be established. The time and place of the meeting will be posted in the registration area at the MLA Conference. Comments from persons not able to attend the meeting are welcome, and should be sent to the Documents Unit, Reference Services Division, NLM.

Staff Changes

Bruno M. Vasta, formerly Chief of the Toxicology Information Services Branch, Specialized Information Services, has been appointed Chief, Bibliographic Services Division, Library Operations. He succeeds William Caldwell, who is now devoting full time to the technical processing of the literature. Mr. Vasta, in his new position, will be responsible for the Library's indexing operations, on-line training and service activities, and the preparation of *Index Medicus* and specialized bibliographies.

Mr. Vasta has been at NLM for seven years, heading the SIS branch responsible for TOXLINE and CHEMLINE services. Before joining the Library, he was associated with the National Heart Institute, the Department of Agriculture, and the Food and Drug Administration. He has been involved in the information science field for the last twelve years and is active in many professional societies, particularly the American Chemical Society, where he just completed serving as Chairman of the Society's Division of Chemical Information.

• Erika B. Love, Deputy Associate Director for Library Operations, has accepted a position as Director, Health Sciences Library, University of New Mexico (Albuquerque). Mrs. Love had served as Deputy Associate Director since 1972; she was also Regional Medical Library Director for Region IV. Carol Spencer, Deputy Chief, Reference Services Division, has taken over Mrs. Love's duties as Region IV RML Director, and will continue in her present position in RSD.

• James J. Hartman, formerly with the Federal Aviation Administration, is the Library's new Per-

sonnel Officer, succeeding R. Brian Makoff, who accepted a position with the Social Security Administration.

Other New Employees

- Frank J. Leon, Technical Information Specialist, Bibliographic Services Division
- David M. Prophet, Electronics Engineer, Lister Hill Center

Losses

- Victor H. Gensch, Personnel Management Specialist, Office of Administration
- Stephen Michaelson, Administrative Officer, Lister Hill Center

Charge for CATLINE Tapes Reduced

The annual leasing charge for CATLINE magnetic tapes provided through the National Technical Information Service has been reduced from $5,000 to $1,000. This reduction should aid in making the tapes available to medical libraries for card production. A $5,000 one-time charge remains in effect for the CATLINE Backfile (from 1965). Further information is available from the Associate Director for Library Operations, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

LHC Computer Technology Branch

Ms. Becky Lyon-Hartmann of the Lister Hill Center's Computer Technology Branch (CTB) has been elected Secretary of the Association for the Development of Computer-based Instructional Systems (ADCIS). The election took place at the ADCIS annual meeting in Wilmington, Delaware, February 20-24, 1977. Also attending the meeting from NLM was CTB Chief, Mr. Charles Goldstein, who with Ms. Lyon-Hartmann reported on the Branch's current projects in health sciences computer-based education. NLM presentations included several papers by Mr. Goldstein, a slide/tape program on Computer-Based Education Materials (CBEM) in the NLM Learning Resource Laboratory (*News*, September-October 1976), and demonstration of a new bibliographic on-line file developed by the CTB concerning CBEM courseware.

Publication Notes

NLM Current Catalog, 1976 Annual

The 1976 edition of the *National Library of Medicine Current Catalog, Annual Cumulation,* is scheduled to appear late in April. This one-volume cumulation of the quarterly issues for 1976 may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Price: $23.00 ($28.75 foreign). Stock Number 017-052-00179-5.

CuBE, 1976 Annual

The Superintendent of Documents is also accepting orders for the *Current Bibliography of Epidemiology*, 1976 Annual Cumulation, which cumulates the monthly issues for 1976. Price: $21.00 ($26.25 foreign). Stock Number 017-052-00180-9.

Bibliography of Medical Reviews, 1971-1975

This second five-year cumulation of citations to review articles indexed in *Index Medicus* is scheduled to appear in mid-April. It is arranged in two sections, subject and author, preceded by a list of new Medical Subject Headings (1972-1975). Available from the Superintendent of Documents; price: $20.00 ($25.00 foreign). Stock Number 017-052-00178-7. The previous cumulation, 1966-1970, is still in print; price: $14.65 ($18.35 foreign). GPO catalog number HE 20.3610/2:966-70; Stock Number 017-052-00133.

NMAC Self-Instructional Manual

Human Population Genetics is a 36-page self-instructional unit which introduces some basic principles of population genetics and demonstrates the application of these principles in genetic screening and counseling. It is part of the National Medical Audiovisual Center's series of such units, and was developed by William I. Young, Ph.D., of the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Virginia. The manual is available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. Price: $4.00 ($3.00 microfiche). PB-263-236.

New TIRC Publications

The Toxicology Information Response Center (TIRC) is sponsored by NLM's Toxicology Information Program. TIRC (Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830) prepares individual literature searches on toxicological subjects and produces special annotated bibliographies which are sold through the National Technical Information Service (Springfield, Virginia 22161). Recent TIRC publications available from NTIS (see also *News*, December 1976) are:

- *Toxicology Information Response Center Literature Search Index. II. 2101 to 2600.* ORNL/TIRC-76/5. 99 pages, 500 references, $7.50.
- *Lead Analysis: Literature Collection, 1966-1976.* S.A. Black and K.C. Miller. ORNL/TIRC-76/6. 214 pages, $18.00.

On-Line MEDLARS Searching

A new instructional unit in the series of audiovisuals on the MEDLARS system is now available. The slide/tape set, titled *On-Line MEDLARS Searching, (S-3554-X),* explains the steps involved in search formulation from analysis of the patron's request through the performance of the on-line search. Techniques which enable the user to refine or expand the initial formulation are also described. The set includes a 25-minute audiocassette and 55 2x2 color slides. The set may be purchased for $12.50 from:

National Audiovisual Center (GSA)
Order Section
Washington, D.C. 20409

Other units in the MEDLARS series, available from the above address, include:

- *MEDLARS: Capabilities & Limitations (S-3136-X).* Price: $7.00. 31 2x2 color slides with audiotape cassette, 18 minutes.
- *MEDLINE-In-Context (S-3137-X).* Price: $7.00 30 2x2 color slides with audiotape cassette, 12 minutes.

(Audiotapes may be ordered in cassettes or in 1/4-inch reel format, with audible or inaudible slide-advance signals.)

- *MEDLARS On-Line: MEDLINE (V-3008-X).* Price: $47.00. Color videotape, 23 minutes.
- *Principles of Indexing (V-3130-XA).* Part I: Price $64.00. Color videotape, 53:25 minutes. Part II (*V-3130-XB*). Price: $58.00. 32:30 minutes.

The two videotapes are also available on short-term loan in 3/4-inch videocassette "U" format from the National Medical Audiovisual Center (Annex), Station K, Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

NLM Serial Gap List

The following journal issues are this month's continuation to the list of gaps in the Library's collection. If you can supply any of these items, please address them to:

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TSD-GAPS
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20014

Acta Neurologica Scandinavica, Supplement 47, 1970
Acta Odontologica Scandinavica 24, 1966
Acta Orthopaedica Scandinavica 105, 1967
Acta Universitatis Lundensis. Sectis 2. Medica, Mathematica, Scientiae Rerum Naturalium 3, 7, 1964
Famacentisk Revy 68:1-12, 1969
International Journal of Biochemistry 4:19, 1973
International Journal of Fertility 18:1, 1973
International Journal of Neuroscience 6:5, 6, 1973
International Journal of Protein Research 8:2, 1966
Journal of the British Endodontic Society 1:2-4, 1967; 2:2-4, 1968; 3:1, 1969; 7:3-4, 1974
Journal of Oral Rehabilitation 1:1, 1974
Journal of Periodontal Research. Supplement 2, 1968
Neurobiology 2:5-6, 1972
Nordisk Medicin 76:1-24, 1966
Zdravookhranenie Belorussii 16:12, 1970
Zhurnal Eksperimentalnoi i Klinicheskoi Meditsiny 8:4, 1968, 12:4, 1972; 13:1, 1973
Zhurnal Evoluitsionnoi Biokhimii i Fiziologii 8:4, 1972
Zhurnal Neuropatologii i Psikhiatrii Imeni SS Korsakova 70:1-3, 1970; 73:1-3, 1973